

Remarks/Arguments

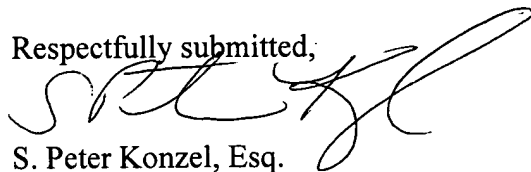
This Preliminary Amendment is presented to add new Claims 17-19 to vary the scope of the present invention as supported by the specification. This Preliminary Amendment adds no new matter.

It should be appreciated that the Preliminary Amendment of September 2, 2002 purported to cancel original claims 1-4 and add "new" claims 1-12. Since "new" claims 1-12 should have been appropriately presented as "new" claims 5-16 in the former amendment, Applicant has renumbered the claims in the instant amendment accordingly.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for Allowance, which action is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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